

Hon. Richard A. Jones

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

JENNIFER AND EUGENE WONG,

Plaintiff(s),

v.

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT,

Defendant(s).

No. C16-1774RAJ

ORDER SETTING TRIAL  
DATE AND RELATED  
DATES

**BENCH TRIAL DATE<sup>1</sup>**

**MARCH 12, 2018**

Length of Trial

7-10 days

Deadline for Joining Additional Parties

February 28, 2017

Deadline to File Amended Pleadings

September 13, 2017

Expert Witness Disclosure/Reports  
Under FRCP 26(a)(2) Due

September 13, 2017

All motions related to discovery must be noted on  
the motion calendar no later than the Friday  
before discovery closes pursuant to  
LCR7(d)(3)

Deadline to Complete Discovery

November 13, 2017

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<sup>1</sup> In their Joint Status Report (Dkt. #7) the parties indicate that "Plaintiffs will file their amended complaint no later than February 17, 2017 and will request a jury at this time." As no amended complaint has been filed to date and no jury has yet been demanded, the Court sets this matter for a bench trial. Should a jury be timely demanded, the Court will impose additional deadlines for submission of proposed jury instructions, proposed voir dire, and an agreed neutral statement of the case.

1	All dispositive motions must be filed by	December 12, 2017
2	and noted on the motion calendar no later	
3	than the fourth Friday thereafter pursuant to	
	LCR7(d)(3)	
4	All motions <i>in limine</i> must be filed by	February 12, 2018
5	and noted on the motion calendar three	
6	Fridays thereafter pursuant to LCR7(d)(4)	
7	Agreed Pretrial Order due	February 26, 2018
8	Pretrial conference	To be set by the Court
9	Trial briefs, deposition designations,	
10	and trial exhibits due	March 5, 2018

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12 **These are firm dates that can be changed only by order of the Court, not**

13 **by agreement of counsel or the parties. The Court will alter these dates only**

14 **upon good cause shown.** If the trial date assigned to this matter creates an

15 irreconcilable conflict, counsel must notify Victoria Ericksen, Courtroom Deputy, by

16 email at [victoria\\_ericksen@wawd.uscourts.gov](mailto:victoria_ericksen@wawd.uscourts.gov) within 10 days of the date of this

17 Order and must set forth the exact nature of the conflict. A failure to do so will be

18 deemed a waiver. Counsel must be prepared to begin trial on the date scheduled, but

19 it should be understood that the trial may have to await the completion of other

cases.

20 **COUNSEL ARE DIRECTED TO REVIEW JUDGE JONES'**

21 **CHAMBERS PROCEDURES at [http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/judges/jones-](http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/judges/jones-procedures)**

22 **[procedures](http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/judges/jones-procedures). Counsel are expected to abide by the requirements set forth**

23 **therein. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of sanctions.**

24 Links to Local Rules, Electronic Filing Procedures for Civil and Criminal

25 Cases, court forms, instruction sheets, and General Orders, can be found on the

26 Court's website at [www.wawd.uscourts.gov](http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov).

## ALTERATIONS TO FILING PROCEDURES

Counsel are required to electronically file all documents with the Court. Pro se litigants may file either electronically or in paper form. Information and procedures for electronic filing can be found on the Western District of Washington's website at <http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/attorneys/cmecf>.

The following alterations to the Filing Procedures apply in all cases pending before Judge Jones:

1. **Mandatory chambers copies are required for all e-filed opposed motions, and all supporting documentation relating to opposed motions, regardless of page length. Chambers copies are also required for all oppositions, replies, and surreplies and supporting documentation, regardless of page length.** The paper copy of the documents (with tabs or other organizing aids as necessary) shall be delivered to the Clerk's Office by 12:00 p.m. on the business day after filing. The chambers copy must be clearly marked with the words "Courtesy Copy of Electronic Filing for Chambers." The parties are required to print all courtesy copies from CM/ECF using the "Include headers when displaying PDF documents" feature under "Document Options." This requirement applies also to pleadings filed under seal.

2. **Searchable PDFs:** All documents filed electronically must be submitted in PDF format to permit text searches and to facilitate transmission and retrieval. Before these documents are electronically filed, the CM/ECF User shall convert the documents to PDF format. These documents may not be scanned.

## EXHIBITS

The original and one copy of any exhibits to be used at trial are to be delivered to chambers no later than 4:00 p.m. on the date set forth above. Each exhibit shall be clearly marked. Exhibit tags are available in the Clerk's Office. The Court hereby sets forth the following procedure for numbering exhibits: Plaintiff's

1 exhibits shall be numbered consecutively beginning with 1. Defendant's exhibits  
2 shall be numbered consecutively after Plaintiff's exhibits using the next number  
3 sequence not used by Plaintiff (*e.g.*, if Plaintiff has marked 150 exhibits, Defendant  
4 shall mark its exhibits beginning with 200) . Duplicate documents shall not be listed  
5 twice. Once a party has identified an exhibit in the pretrial order, any party may use  
6 it. Each set of exhibits shall be submitted in a three-ring binder with appropriately  
7 numbered tabs.

### 8 9 **COOPERATION**

10 As required by LCR 37(a), all discovery matters are to be resolved by  
11 agreement, if possible. Counsel and the parties are further directed to cooperate in  
12 preparing the final Pretrial Order in the format required by LCR 16.1, except as it  
13 pertains to exhibits, as ordered above.

### 14 **SETTLEMENT**

15 Should this case settle, counsel shall notify Victoria Ericksen as soon as  
16 possible at [victoria\\_ericksen@wawd.uscourts.gov](mailto:victoria_ericksen@wawd.uscourts.gov). An attorney or party who fails to  
17 give the Court prompt notice of settlement may be subject to such discipline as the  
18 Court deems appropriate.

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20 DATED: February 22, 2017.

21 /s Richard A. Jones  
22 RICHARD A. JONES  
23 United States District Judge  
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